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The English Peace Visitors.

The visit to this country of the members of the English committee on the celebration of the hundred years of peace, accompanied by a few men from the Continent, from Canada, etc., has been a very important event. One might almost call the various meetings, conferences, and dinners in which they have participated a preliminary celebration of the century of peace. In New York, in Philadelphia, in Boston, in Washington, and other cities receptions and banquets were given at which the immense significance of the coming celebration was set forth in speeches often of remarkable force and eloquence. It is rare that one has the privilege of listening nowadays to such noble public utterances as were those of Senator Root and Secretary Bryan at the banquet given the visitors in Washington by the trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The reports assure us that the speaking in other cities was no less worthy of the occasion. In the conferences of the English visitors with our American committeemen in New York the general lines of the program of the celebration were agreed upon, and these have been announced to the public through the press. The interest everywhere manifested in the coming celebration was large and enthusiastic.

Among the Peace Organizations.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, head director of the World Peace Foundation, has been given a year's leave of absence by the trustees of Leland Stanford Junior University, that he may spend the coming year abroad in the interests of the peace cause. He will give some lectures in England, and then go to the Balkan region in order to study on the spot the conditions left by the Balkan-Turkish war.

The Friends' Peace Association of Philadelphia had as speaker at its annual meeting, April 21, President Mary E. Wooley, of Holyoke College, Massachusetts. The subject of her address was, "What Education Can Do for Peace." President Wooley has been for many years actively interested in the peace movement and a vice-president of the American Peace Society.

On May 11th a meeting of German and French members of the Interparliamentary Union was held at Berne, Switzerland, at which the proposed increase of armaments in France and Germany was frankly discussed, with the view of trying to relieve the tension between the two countries. The meeting was arranged by the International Peace Bureau and members of the Swiss National Council.

Rev. Rodney W. Roundy has resigned as secretary of the Connecticut Peace Society because of his removal from the State to become pastor of the First Congregational Church of Keene, New Hampshire. Mr. Roundy's service as secretary has extended over a period of more than four years, and his work has been an im-

portant element in the prosperity and rapid growth of the society. As executive secretary of the New England Peace Congress, held in Hartford and New Britain in 1910, he contributed largely to the success of that event. Prof. Curtis M. Geer, of the Hartford Theological Seminary, has been elected as his successor. That insures the Connecticut Society the best of secretarial service. Mr. Roundy will be a valuable addition to the working forces of the New Hampshire Peace Society.

The Washington (D. C.) Peace Society held a remarkable meeting on May 18, at 3 o'clock p. m., in the First Congregational Church. The audience filled the church to its utmost capacity and was as enthusiastic as it was large. Dr. P. P. Claxton, National Commissioner of Education, presided, and made an excellent speech on the educational aspects of the peace movement. The principal address was made by William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, who expressed himself most optimistically in regard to the growth of the peace movement. Arthur D. Call, executive director of the American Peace Society, made an appeal for members of the local peace society, and a considerable number of new constituents were enrolled.

A service in commemoration of William Ladd, the founder of the American Peace Society, was held at Portsmouth, N. H., on May 18, in the North Congregational Church, under the auspices of the New Hampshire and the Chicago branches of the American Peace Society. An extended account of the exercises, prepared by Charles E. Beals, will be given in our next issue.

Steps have been recently taken for the organization of a State branch of the American Peace Society in Minnesota. Governor A. O. Eberhart, Ex-Mayor David P. Jones, of Minneapolis; Dr. James P. Wallace, Dr. Cyrus Northrop, Archbishop Ireland, and others are interesting themselves in the movement. A considerable number of signers have already been received, and the completion of the organization will soon be reported. A meeting in the interest of the movement was held by the Sunday Evening Club of the Social Service Church, St. Paul, Sunday evening, May 18, and addressed by Dr. James Wallace, former president of Macalester College. The promoters of the society hope that support enough may be received to enable them soon to have the services of a paid secretary to devote his entire time to the work.

The pacifists in Belgium have announced their first National Peace Congress for the 7th and 8th of this June. The program is to include, among other topics, "Respect for Neutral Frontiers," "Freedom of Commerce in Time of War," "Education and Peace." "The Rôle of the Press in Regard to War and Peace."

The Union of International Associations, whose office is at Brussels, will hold its second World Congress in that city from the 15th to the 18th of this June. All associations of an international character, of which sixty-five have quarters at Brussels, are asked to send delegates, as also all associations which interest themselves in international relations.